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Hi, I'm Ray Simon, Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education at the United States Department of Education. Thanks for joining us today. The purpose for today's webcast is to address some of your questions on important fiscal issues for implementing Title I, Part A, such as of maintenance of effort, comparability, supplement not supplant, and how to reallocate funds that you've carried over from one year to the next.

These provisions are important for the success of the mission of "No Child Left Behind" because they ensure that Title I funds provide services beyond what students will receive from just state and local funds so that all students, especially those most at risk, have a chance to perform to high academic standards.

Susan Wilhelm, the Team Leader for the Policy Coordination Group within the Title I office will moderate this discussion. She has invited key staff from the Office of General Counsel, the Monitoring and Audits Group, and the Policy Coordination Group to help clarify these technical, but very important implementation issues. I hope you find your time listening to this webcast to be valuable. And please let us know if you have suggestions for future topics that you'd like for us to address.